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Dr. R. J. Smith  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
McLean, Virginia

Dear Dr. Smith:

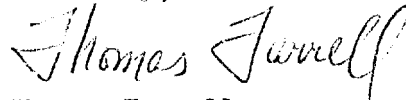
During the first part of May, PROJECT UPDATE will again send fifteen Princeton students to Washington for a series of seminars on current social issues. As you may recall, this program is a unique enterprise that offers campus leaders a rare opportunity to meet with key policy-makers in government, business, the military, and communications.

We consider PROJECT UPDATE to be a valuable part of our education, as it provides the type of first-hand knowledge and insight that is often lacking in an academic environment. Having greatly enjoyed our conversation with you last spring, we feel that your participation would particularly enhance the value of our program.

Should you decide to take part in PROJECT UPDATE, we will make every attempt to adapt our schedule to yours. The group will be in Washington from Tuesday through Friday, May 6 to May 9. The seminar, which can last anywhere from thirty minutes to an hour, could be conducted at virtually any time and place that would be convenient for you.

We look forward to your reply, and thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Thomas Farrell  
Chairman of Project Update

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PROJECT UPDATE

PROJECT UPDATE is a program designed to bridge the communications gap between the nation's leading policy makers and students who have demonstrated an exceptional interest in public affairs.

Until recently, the standard procedure for establishing contact between the leaders of today and the leaders of tomorrow has been the "guest lecture series," which demands that important personalities travel to Princeton and deliver a speech before a large audience. Although this approach is a useful one, it has two drawbacks: The first is that there are many politicians, businessmen, government administrators, labor leaders, and journalists who would enjoy speaking with Princeton students about current social issues, but who, for lack of time, are unable to visit the campus. The second drawback is that those people who do elect to speak at Princeton are limited by public exposure as to how candid they may be.

In response to these problems we have developed PROJECT UPDATE, which serves to complement the established lecture series. It runs as follows:

Each year fifteen top students are selected from the leading campus public affairs organizations to form a special seminar on "Current Social Issues."

Each spring the entire group travels to Washington for a series of meetings with leaders in government, business, the military, labor, the arts, and communications.

The meetings are conducted in the private atmosphere of a closed seminar. Their purpose is to provide students with valuable insights into the dynamics of major social institutions and to give them a unique opportunity to "update" their knowledge of critical social problems.

Among those who have recently participated in PROJECT UPDATE are:

Russell Baker	George Meany
Justice Wm. J. Brennan, Jr.	Sen. Thruston B. Morton
David Brinkley	Paul H. Nitze
Sen. Edward Brooke	Norton J. Peck, CEA
Ramsey Clark	Sen. Charles Percy
Rep. Gerald Ford	R. J. Smith, CIA
Sen. Jacob K. Javits	Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor
Nicholas Katzenbach	Tom Wicker
Speaker John W. McCormack	W. Willard Wirtz

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The Daily Princetonian	The Young Democrats
WPR3, the campus radio station	The Young Republicans